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SUBJECT: USIA: MEDIA SUMMARY FROM USIS MANILA,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1988:

RP HEADLINES:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WANTS THE PROPOSED
228.9-BILLION PESO 1989 BUDGET CUT BY 10-BILLION PESOS;
SEN. SAGUISAG SAYS THERE ARE NO SENATORS ON GRAFT LIST;
AND AQUINO ORDERS CRACKDOWN ON CORRUPTION AT NINYO AQUINO
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

SOVIET PROPOSAL TO PULLOUT FROM CAM RANH BAY:

THE JOURNAL/MALAYA QUOTED ACTING FORSEC YAN SAYING RP IS
WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
ON THE SECURITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET
UNION. BULLETIN SAID VIETNAM SUPPORTS THE SOVIET
PROPOSAL. INTERCO PRESS ITEM IN BULLETIN SAID RP "SHOULD
NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE GEOPOLITICAL REALITY THAT IT LIES
IN THE TRAJECTORY OF SOVIET EXPANSIONISM." BIGORNIA
COLUMN IN BULLETIN SAID ASEAN LEADERS "FEEL MORE SECURE"

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WITH THE RETENTION OF THE BASES IN RP. STARWEEK MAGAZINE ITEM SAID THE "SOVIET OFFER FOR A PULLOUT AND AMERICAN REACTION OF COOLNESS SHOWS THE AMERICANS ARE NOT THAT HOT IN TRANSFERRING THE BASES ELSEWHERE."

VARIOUS PAPERS SAID FORSEC MANG LAPUS, IN AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST, DISPUTED FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK'S ALLEGATIONS THAT RP IS DEMANDING US DOLS 1.2 BILLION FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF U.S. BASES "UNDER THE GUISE OF A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW," AND NOTED THAT KIRKPATRICK "PERPETUATES THE CONDESCENSION THAT THE U.S. IS IN THE PHILIPPINES ONLY TO PROTECT THE PHILIPPINES AND THEREFORE IT IS UNGRATEFUL OF THE FILIPINOS TO DEMAND BETTER TERMS ON THE BASES." GLOBE REUTER ITEM QUOTED THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION SAYING DEADLOCK IN THE BASES TALKS OVER COMPENSATION ISSUE MAY HURT RP-U.S. RELATIONS. BULLETIN GUEVARA COLUMN SAID THE PEOPLE OF MINDANAO HAVE FORMALLY OFFERED PARANG AS SITE FOR THE USAF AND MALABANG AS SITE FOR THE U.S. NAVY 7TH FLEET. STANDARD BERNARDO LOPEZ ITEM SAID THE MINI-MARSHALL PLAN "REDUCES THE BASES ISSUE TO A QUESTION OF MONEY AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS AND A MOUNTING DEBT."

OTHER RP - U.S. ITEMS:

MOST PAPERS REPORTED THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER SORIANO IS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR ALLEGEDLY RECEIVING THREE CHECKS TALLING P2.3 MILLION FROM INTERNATIONAL PRECIOUS METALS, INC., A U.S.-BASED FIRM INVOLVED IN TREASURE DIGGINGS AT FORT SANTIAGO.

BULLETIN SAID U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWYER LEONCIO AQUINO REPORTED THAT THE U.S. INS HAS DISCOVERED THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF ALL PETITIONS FOR IMMIGRANT STATUS INVOLVED SUSPECT MARRIAGES.

USIS RELEASES:

PHOTO SHOWING DIRECTOR BUTLER SIGNING A 5-MILLION PESO USAID GRANT WITH MRMF LAWYER PARDO (BULLETIN/THE JOURNAL/STAR).
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RP - USSR ITEMS:

BULLETIN/MALAYA SAID THE GOVERNMENT WARNED THAT A RUSSIAN SPY SATELLITE MAY FALL INTO RP. PEOPLE'S JOURNAL SAID THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL INSIDE THE SATELLITE IS ENOUGH TO CAUSE SEVERAL HUNDRED CASES OF CANCER AND QUOTED AN RP SCIENTIST SAYING THE RUSSIANS NEVER RELEASED A PICTURE OF THE SATELLITE "BECAUSE IT WAS USED TO SPY ON U.S. BATTLESHIPS AND SUBMARINES." INQUIRER SAID TRADE SEC. CONCEPCION ASKED THE SOVIET UNION TO INCREASE ITS

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PURCHASE OF LOCAL PRODUCTS TO IMPROVE RP-USSR TRADE
RELATIONS. SCHRAGER
END OF MESSAGE

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